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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** – Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☒ Previously submitted If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 10/14/03
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

- iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☐ Enclosed

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- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

- iii. ☐ Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action

- iv. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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